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1. Early in February 1948, two high-ranking officers from the Baden Headquarters, Soviet Central Group of Forces, appeared early in the morning at the Vienna home of General Lebedenko, Soviet Vienna city commander. They informed Lebedenko that he must return to the USSR at once. The officers remained in his home the entire day to prevent his communicating to anyone the news of his return to the USSR. On the evening of the same day, Lebedenko with his wife and son were conducted to the railroad station and shipped to the USSR under guard. His house servants were enjoined to maintain the strictest silence. The matter was kept secret even in Soviet circles. **Comment:** Since January 1948, Lebedenko has not attended Allied meetings and was reported ill.)

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2. No successor has been named for Lebedenko. Colonel Ivanov, head of the political section of the Vienna Komandatura, is the acting commander.

3. Rumor has it that Major Landa-Dalyev was called to Baden and shipped to Russia. **Comment:** This is not likely, since military authorities in Vienna report that he has now returned after a disappearance of about a week in February 1948, attributed by his colleagues to illness.)

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